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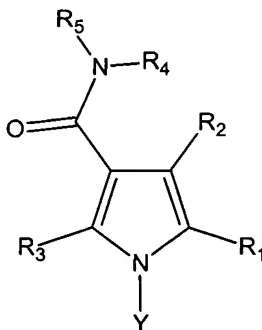
Prior to calculation of the fee for and examination of the enclosed patent application, kindly amend the same as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-64.

Please amend claims 65 and 66 as follows:

65. (Amended) A method of inhibiting cholesterol biosynthesis in a patient in need of such treatment ~~by comprising~~ administering a pharmaceutical composition as ~~defined by claim 78, wherein the composition comprises a hypocholesterolemic amount of a compound of Formula I~~



Formula I